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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: FR, UNIFIL, UNFICYP, LE
SUBJ: FRENCH INQUIRIES ON POLICE FORCES FOR LEBANON

REF: STATE 104988

1. DURING HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH QUAI MAY 10, ASSISTANT SECRETARY (IO) MAYNES WAS ASKED TO SUPPLY DETAILS ABOUT POSSIBLE UTILIZATION OF CIVIL POLICE UNITS TO REINFORCE UN FORCES IN LEBANON. PURSUANT TO REF INSTRUCTIONS, EMBASSY HAD RAISED THIS SUBJECT WITH QUAI MIDDLE EAST DEPUTY DIRECTOR SERVANT ON APRIL 27. BOTH SERVANT, WHO ATTENDED CONSULTATIONS WITH MAYNES, AND QUAI UN DIRECTOR LECOMPT, PRESSED MAYNES TO EXPLAIN CIRCUMSTANCES OF CIVIL POLICE PARTICIPATION IN OTHER UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS. MAYNES PROMISED TO MAKE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO GOF RAPIDLY.

2. IN HIS STATEMENTS ON UNIFIL MAYNES HAD POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE POLICE CONTINGENTS PARTICIPATING IN UNFICYP AND THAT POLICE SKILLS CAN BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS; HE INDICATED THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION IN UNIFIL COULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR GOL TO SEND GENDARMES TO SOUTHERN LEBANON. SERVANT
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ASKED WHETHER SUCH CIVIL UNITS WOULD HAVE UNIFORMS DIFFERENT FROM MILITARY UNITS IN UNIFIL, AND WANTED TO KNOW WHAT COUNTRIES HAD SUPPLIED POLICE FOR UNFICYP; SPECIFICALLY, WERE THEY SAME COUNTRIES AS HAD SUPPLIED TROOPS.

3. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE AS

MUCH DETAILED INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE FROM DEPARTMENT
OR USUN AS TO PRECISELY WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND IN
SUGGESTING CIVIL POLICE UNITS FOR UNIFIL, AND WHAT HAS
BEEN PREVIOUS PRACTICE IN UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS.
WE REALIZE THAT GOF COULD OBTAIN INFORMATION DIRECTLY
REGARDING UNFICYP PARTICIPATION, BUT ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MAYNES FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY
TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE
DIALOGUE BETWEEN US AND GOF ON THIS MATTER.
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